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ADDITIONAL US CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

TRANSMITTED BELOW IS MESSAGE RECEIVED ON JULY 19 FROM
UNSYG WALDHEIM.

QUOTE

HIS EXCELLENCY, MR WILLIAM W. SCRANTON
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
UNITED NATIONS
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EXCELLENCY, EYE HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST YOU TO TRANSMIT THE
FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION URGENTLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY

MR GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

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EXCELLENCY,

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH MET IN ROME FROM 10 TO 13 JUNE 1976, HAS SUCCESSFULLY ADOPTED THE FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE FUND AND SIGNED THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE CONFERENCE WAS UNABLE TO OPEN THE AGREEMENT FOR FINAL SIGNATURE BECAUSE THE PLEDGES RECEIVED, TOTALLING USDOLLARS 937 MILLION, WERE US DOLLARS 63 MILLION SHORT OF THE TARGET OF USDOLLARS 1,000 MILLION IN FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES. THE CONFERENCE DECIDED TO AUTHORIZE ME TO SEEK THE DESIRED ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN ORDER TO REACH THE TARGET AND TO OPEN THE AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATURE AS SOON AS INITIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, IN FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES, REACH USDOLLARS 1,000 MILLION. IF THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT MET BY 30 SEPTEMBER 1976, THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION WILL CONVENE, BY 31 JANUARY 1977, A MEETING OF ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDED AS ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE FUND TO REDUCE THE TARGET AND ESTABLISH OTHER CONDITIONS FOR OPENING THE AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATURE.

UNTIL NOW, COUNTRIES IN CATEGORY I (MEMBERS OF OECD) HAVE OFFERED USDOLLARS 528 MILLION, AND THOSE IN CATEGORY II (MEMBERS OF OPEC) A TOTAL OF USDOLLARS 400 MILLION. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN CATEGORY III HAVE ALSO OFFERED CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALLING USDOLLARS 8.1 MILLION IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY, PLUS LOCAL CURRENCIES OF CURRENT VALUE IN EXCESS OF USDOLLARS 5 MILLION.

I AM APPROACHING YOU IN PURSUANCE OF THE MANDATE GIVEN TO ME BY THE CONFERENCE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FILL THE GAP OF USDOLLARS 63 MILLION.

IT IS ALREADY HIGHLY ENCOURAGING THAT CATEGORY I COUNTRIES HAVE OFFERED SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN OVERCOMING THIS LAST HURDLE IN THE CREATION OF THE FUND. IN THIS RESPECT, I AM ALSO APPROACHING CATEGORY II COUNTRIES, WAS WELL AS CATEGORY III COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET OFFERED UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRIBUTION.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IFAD IS A UNIQUE VENTURE IN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION SINCE IT BRINGS TOGETHER THREE GROUPS OF COUNTRIES INTO A NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION THE FUND WILL SOON BE IN OPERATION.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

KURT WALDHEIM

SECRETARY-GENERAL
UNITED NATIONS

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